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LETTER

TO

St. ANDREW's Eldest Daughter's
Youngest Son.

By Major SAWNEY McCLEAVER,

An Officer upon the *Irish* Establishment.

*Qualis Populeā mœrens Philomela sub Umbrâ
Amisso queritur Fœtus, quos durus Arator
Observans nido implumes detraxit; at illa
Flet Noctem, Ramoque sedens miserabile Carmen
Integrat, et mœstis latè loca Questibus implet.* VIRG.

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My Lord, Dublin, Dec. 17, 1754.

TH E Consternation which some late Rumours from *England* of a new Lord Lieutenant have thrown all Kinds of People into, can be equalled by Nothing, but the universal *Concern* attending it: this Concern too has been considerably encreased by the *Surprise*; it being an Event so little *expected*, that the Tenor of public Conversation ran only upon what *new Honours* should distinguish your Lordship's *happy Return* to this grateful Kingdom, and perpetuate the Memory of your *wise* and *successful* Administration. Last Post from *Cork* had brought us Intelligence of a *Medal* striking in that County; on one Side

HIBERNIA placing a Crown of Laurel
on your Lordship's Head, with this
Motto,

HIC VIR, HIC EST!

On the Reverse 124 Figures, supposed
by the Motto over them,

PRO PATRIÀ,

to represent such a Number of your
Lordship's *particular Friends*, which with
an Address on the Occasion, was to be pre-
sented, we were told, to your Lordship, on
your Arrival, by the *Knights of the Shire*.
Another Report prevailed amongst us,
that the Officers upon the Establishment
had given Orders for a superb Statue to
be erected to your Lordship in the Royal
Square at the Barracks, in Commemora-
tion of your great and unwearied Endeav-
ours for the Repair of the *Barracks* in
general, not only in *Dublin*, but through-
out the Kingdom; and the Care of this
was

was by public Voice entrusted to Mr. N—ll, whose Abilities and Fidelity have already endeared him to the Army and the Nation. The General Officers have indeed the Credit of setting this Affair in Agitation first, having ever professed the greatest Obligations to your Lordship on this Account, as their constant Attendance in Parliament, and steady Support of your Lordship, whenever the Barracks were the Subject of Debate, have sufficiently declared to the World: and this was the more generous, as it is very well known they never lie in them, and of course could not be affected, if it rained into every Barrack in the Kingdom. Many farther Designs were talked of, and debated; and many Proposals for Addresses, *Freedom-Boxes*, and other Marks of public Gratitude, received and consented to, and the Nation was as it were in an Uproar, who should first press these Pledges of *universal* Love and Affection upon your Lordship at your Return. But alas!

the Scene is changed. 'Unhappy *Ireland* !.
Thy pleasing Prospect now is o'er ; and thy
deluded Children too surely know that all
their *promised* Joys are fled.'

*Quis talia fando,
Temperet a Lacrymis ?*

Permit me, my Lord, to join in the
common Concern, and to add my Grief
to that of the Country I am in ; and tho'
I cannot, as many others have already
done, write Poems to keep alive the Me-
mory of your past *Services*, and to regret
your Absence, yet let me weep in Con-
cert with the *Sons of Liberty*.

All may their Tears, tho' not their Verses
bring,

For all can sigh, tho' very few can sing.

It has been said indeed, that the * No-
bleman, Fame tells us is soon to be en-

* The Duke of *M—h*.

trusted

trusted with the supreme Authority over this Kingdom, has declared he has the Welfare of it at Heart; and that the Gentleman, who is to succeed your Lordship in that Commission you executed with so much *Honour* to yourself, and such evident Marks of *public Tranquillity* and *Satisfaction*, is a Man of indisputable Integrity, in which no Man ever shone more than your Lordship, and which indeed was the amiable Virtue that first procured your Lordship that *general Esteem* and *Respect* you found in *Ireland*: But these Reports, however true, from our natural *Anxiety* that they should be so, lose some Degree of Credit, and with the Vulgar pass for Expedients raised by the weeping *Patriots* at the *Castle*, to steal the *public Sorrow*, and stop the Current of the present *Grief*; for however great, and wise, and well-disposed our expected Governors may be, however warm and zealous in the true Interest of this bleeding Kingdom, yet it is to be feared

feared they will never pursue the same glorious Measures that have recommended your Lordship to the good Wishes of all the honest and *uncorrupted* Part of Mankind throughout the Nation ; which so *happily* distinguished, and so happily protracted the last Sessions of Parliament in *Dublin*, and which, if Fame says true, have made your Lordship as *popular* in *Great-Britain*, as ever you were on this Side of the Water.

These Surmises, tho' distant, these Apprehensions, tho' but slightly founded, have still Force enough to excite uneasy Sensations in the Minds of those who think, and such as indeed will never be entirely erased, 'till we are honoured with the Presence of the new L---d L---t and his Secretary, and 'till we actually see them treading in *that Path* your Lordship *trod* before, and conveying equal Blessings to the People thro' the *Channel* your Lordship *opened*. Then indeed our Fears will be

be at an End, and we shall less regret the *Soldier, Senator, and Statesman*, we have lost ; *Ireland* will once more flourish, public Spirit revive, *patriot Worth* be revered, the Name of S—E adored ; even *my Countrymen*, who *feel* for every Stroke that *Ireland* suffers, shall share the common Good, and rejoice in the common Joy, and tho' no Natives, shall *sip* the Dew which falls like that of Heaven on all alike.

But 'till the *Blessings* of an Administration so *impatiently* desired, are actually showered down amongst us, the continual Remembrance of your Lordship's so much *applauded* Conduct, sits *heavy* on our Souls ; we knew with *Certainty* what we *might expect*, should your Lordship *return*, and we could then boldly launch out into *Futurity*, judge of approaching *Blessings* by the *past*, and anticipate the coming *Good*. Now all is doubtful, every Mind alarmed, your Friends confounded,

the

the Foes of *Ireland*, which are those only who are so to your Lordship, exulting and triumphant: Even the *Ladies* sigh; I mean such *patriot* Ladies who sigh for Freedom and their Country, and who honoured your Lordship's public more than your *private* Character; every new Tale and fresh Report strikes Terror to each Bosom here; nay, a Want of News affects:

*Horror ubique Animos, simul ipsa Silentia
terrent.*

This Scene of *universal Sorrow*, when described and related in *England*; may possibly excite a little Wonder and Surprise, especially as the noble D—e now talked of for our new L—t, stands so favourably in the Opinion of the Public, that great Advantages to *Ireland* are expected from his Administration, and such as may equal, and were it possible, exceed those already procured to this Kingdom

Kingdom by your Lordship ; but alas ! the Gentlemen of *England* not being so sensible of the *Benefits* that flowed from your Lordship's generous *Affection* to this Nation, I might almost say, *Partiality*, (had your Lordship been known to be partial on *any Occasion* whatever) they are not so susceptible of the Fears that naturally harass the Minds of those, who have *felt* a Blessing, and dread to *lose* it : The *English* are in general Strangers to the *Wisdom* and *Policy* that directed your Lordship's public Actions ; but the People here are *well instructed* in their *Tendency*, and have already found their Use : The Gentlemen of *Ireland* alone can tell how greatly that Nation is *obliged* to your Lordship's *tutelary Care* and *protecting Power* ; how you made the *Welfare* of the Kingdom your *own* ; how you have toiled by Day and Night to *defend* the Rights and Privileges of the People, and to *secure* the constitutional Authority of *Parl—t* when attacked by a pow-

erful, tho' *perverse* Faction : They have seen your Lordship *bravely* opposing *Innovations* of every Kind ; they have seen you debating, nay *dividing* in Affairs of *private Property*, which no S---ry, before your Lordship, ever had *Spirit* to do, tho' some of them *had a Property* in the Kingdom, which it is very well known your Lordship *bad not* ; they have seen you as anxious in carrying thro' a disputed *Election*, as a disputed *Bill* in the House of Commons ; nay, I know your Lordship has more than once declared, that the *Armagh-Election* alone gave you more *Uneasiness*, than the *whole united Business* of the last Session of Parliament. What a *Spirit of Liberty* was this ! How glorious that Warmth to *preserve* the *Rights* of the *Constituents inviolate*, which alone could secure the Constitution itself, whenever attacked by *designing* and *ambitious* Men ; and tho' it was *maliciously* insinuated on t'other Side the Water, that your Lordship's Attention had been better employed

employed in forwarding the *K---g's Business* in *Ireland*, yet the *Consequence of that Election* was very well known to your Lordship's Friends, the *true Patriots* here; besides whatever Trouble the *Faction* just now mentioned, might on *some Occasions* create your *Lordship*, it is very evident, they meant none to the *K---g* on *any*; this even *my Countrymen*, who, like myself, could *almost hate* them for the *odious Opposition* they made to your Lordship's *salutary Designs*, have almost universally allowed, and our Resentment has only been inflamed against them for their *unprecedented Attacks* upon the *Constitution* of this poor, oppressed Kingdom, which must have been inevitably ruined, had not your Lordship timely rose to its *Relief*, in Pity held out your *saving Hand*, and with *prevailing Numbers*, checked the Fury of these *Sons of Ambition*, and stopped the Blow, that if given, had *destroyed* the whole *Liberties* of the Nation. Who then that had a

Heart affected to Ireland, could condemn your Lordship's *uncommon Anxiety* for the *Armagh Election*? I am sure, my Lord, all my Countrymen, and I believe no People *love Ireland better*, most heartily approved of *every Step* your Lordship took on that Occasion, and *sincerely wished* you the same Success in every future Struggle of *that Kind*; tho' your *Superiority*, as it then stood, was evidently *sufficient* to curb and controul those *seditionous Disturbers* of the public Peace, the Members in the Opposition, who aimed at nothing but the *universal Corruption*, and granting an exorbitant Authority to the *Church*, and the *Saint*, as they call him, at the *Head* of it; a Piece of Politicks, that I am very sure your Lordship, or any Man who wishes well to *Ireland*, can never see prevailing without Disdain, and must for ever *oppose*; knowing how prejudicial it cannot but at all times be to the *true Interests* of this Kingdom. Indeed it is said, that the *present Director* of

of the *Ecclesiastics*, is an *unaspiring*, truly *unambitious* Prelate ; who being entirely devoted to *Religion*, and *Philosophy*, very little interferes with any public Concerns, but those within his *own Province*, and those he regulates with great *Integrity* and *Virtue* ; yet still a P——e may succeed, not altogether *so pious*, and *so pacific* ; there *have been* stirring, busy Men. in *Lawn*, Men who have been *fond* of Power ; and tho' this *good Bishop* is not one of that *Stamp*, yet *another* may come, that *is* ; and whenever he does, take it for a Truth, my Lord, he will never be *easy*, 'till he has *engrossed* the *whole Power* of the Administration into his *own Hands*, though to acquire it, he *sacrifices* the *Peace* and *Quiet* of the whole *Kingdom*. Whenever *such a one* prevails, it will not be extraordinary to see a *Lord Lieutenant* and his *Parliament at Variance* ; for *Schisms* and *Broils* are what the *Church* delights in ; *divide* and *govern* will then be no longer *Italian*, but *Hibernian Policy* ;

Policy ; and you will see the *greatest* and *wisest* Men in the Nation displaced to make Room for the *weakest* and the *worst*, who, for the contemptible Enjoyment of a few present Advantages, will help to *enslave* their Country, and support every *infamous* Measure *Pride* or *Power* can invent, tho' 'tis with the *Ruin* of *themselves* and their *Posterity* for ever.

The Author of that excellent Treatise, *The State of Ireland*, argues upon this Subject with great Strength of Reason, in the Passage that follows.

" A Primate at the Head of a national
 " Church, where many large Endow-
 " ments and Influences follow his Station,
 " merely in virtue of his ecclesiastical
 " Dignity, is in Possession of greater
 " Power, that can possibly fall to the
 " Share of any Man of whatsoever Rank
 " or Fortune among us. Besides that
 " evident Superiority which such a Pri-
 " mate

“ mate must have over his Fellow-Sub-
“ jects, should it so happen, that he
“ shares one third Part in the Govern-
“ ment of his Country, how must this
“ extend his Influence ? Suppose that he,
“ being one of three Governors, should
“ in effect engross the Power of the
“ three ; would he not then be formida-
“ ble ? Suppose that in Consequence of
“ these Powers, he should gain Sway in
“ an upper House of Parliament, and find
“ Means to get some put in, and some
“ put out of a Privy Council ; would
“ he not then arrive at a dangerous
“ Growth ; suppose such a Man should,
“ for a Course of Years enjoy these ex-
“ traordinary Powers, would he not then
“ become more experienced, more cun-
“ ning in his various Proceedings, better
“ supported with Dependencies, better
“ able to oppose constitutional Measures,
“ and still further enabled to exercise
“ Dominion over his Fellow-Subjects, to
“ corrupt them, to buy them, to distress
“ and

" and enslave them ? When arrived at
 " this imperious State, connected to few
 " Individuals, and scarce at all connected
 " to the highest Interests of the Commu-
 " nity, but, on the contrary, the Increase
 " of his Power depending upon the In-
 " crease of Prostitution, what must a
 " free People expect ? How often have
 " we seen a State undone by a Subject,
 " when he had outgrown his Condition ?
 " The wise *Romans* struggled hard, and
 " often to prevent it ; and they were un-
 " done, their Liberty died, when they could
 " not prevent it. States every where, to
 " preserve their Independance, make it
 " their first Care to preserve a Balance of
 " Power among their Neighbours. Such
 " due Balance is quite necessary among
 " Subjects who intend to be free. Would
 " any disinterested Member of Society,
 " would any rational Person of sound
 " Mind and Memory contribute to in-
 " crease the Power of such a Man ?
 " There is but one Way left to increase
 " it ; give him All. Countrymen, this
 " Subject

“ Subject is worthy of your serious Consideration, should an aspiring Adventurer, thus circumstanced, gain an Ascendant in your lower House of Parliament, then the Power of the Nation would be in his Hands.

“ How could you deliver yourselves, having added Power that you could not subtract? Would not every Man, Lay and Ecclesiastic, be brought into a State of Servitude? His Supremacy would tend to render him absolute over the Prelates and Clergy themselves; a Kind of Protestant Pope.

Page 55, the same Author proceeds thus; What a mortal Wound did Liberty receive in a neighbouring Protestant Country, by the dire Ambition of a Godless Prelate? When such a Man shuts up his Bible, and opens his Warehouse of Politics, guard against some dreadful Hurricane, all Hands

" on Board ; all resolute to save the Ves-
 " sel. What a Country was *Denmark* ?
 " As free as ours, until an * intriguing
 " Bishop of *Copenhagen*, practised with
 " the Court, to assist him in betraying
 " the Nation. Then cajoled a Party in
 " their House of Commons, insinuated
 " himself into their Confidence, persuaded
 " them to rely upon him, and combining
 " with *Nanson*, a corrupt Statesman, stole
 " their Liberties from them."

Of such dangerous Consequence is it, my Lord, to throw Power into the Hands of the Church, and well has your Lordship deserved of all true Lovers of this Country, in so strenuously opposing all Attempts of that Kind, and the Designs of those infatuated Pretenders to Politics, who would make a *Prime Minister* of a *Priest*.

* See Preface to Lord *Molesworth's Account of Denmark.*

But it is not for an *Officer*, my Lord, to enumerate *all* the Acts of *public Utility* observable in your Lordship's *public Character*; it is not in our Sphere, nor do those things that are *glaring* in the Eye of the World, *strike* us in equal Proportion with the rest of his Majesty's *happy Subjects* in this Island; our Admiration of your Lordship's *disinterested Regard* for the People here, is more immediately known to us from those of your Transactions that fall under our *own Inspection*; and nothing of this Kind could ever raise your Lordship so high in the Opinion of the *Army*, as that *unexampled Inquiry* you made into the *Repairs* of the *Barracks*, and that steady Defence you maintained of that *upright Servant* of the Crown, the *Surveyor-General*; notwithstanding those many Reports so continually propagated and received in the *House of Commons* to his Prejudice; and which indeed were of *such a Nature*, as would have hurt him in the

Opinion of any other Man living but
your Lordship; but you, who was well
acquainted with the *Integrity* of that Of-
ficer, who was conscious he had been
acting upon the same *uncorrupt* Princi-
ples as yourself, and that the permitting a
Censure upon *his* Designs, might occasion
hereafter a Reflection upon your *own*, or
prevent you from carrying into Execu-
tion a Plan of Operations that would
affect the *every Vitals* of the *Constitution*,
(as it since *has* done) with an Intrepidity
uncommon to your Lordship's Age, with-
stood the determined Efforts of an *obsti-*
nate Set of Men, labouring to oppress
the *innocent*, and bring into Disgrace a
Servant who had deserved *well* of the
Public. This was exerting a Spirit but
few were capable of besides *your Lord-*
ship; nor could any one have main-
tained it, but he who had the same *great*
Designs in Embrio, and such as were
hereafter to break out in a Flood of
Glory upon this Kingdom.

As I am upon this Subject, with your Leave, I will enter more particularly upon the *Obligations* the Army lies under to your Lordship on this Account ; and believe me I do not do it out of any private View, and to point out to your Successor from your *Lordship's Example*, the Way to become *popular* among us, or to encourage him to *imitate* your *Circumspection* and Care in providing so *comfortably* for those brave Men the Wars had left us : Neither, my Lord, do I undertake it in order to write a *Panegyric* upon the *Surveyor*, and to make the World more acquainted with his *Merits* than they are, but entirely, out of a Principle of *Gratitude* ; the Memory of Man is *frail* and *weak* ; we receive considerable Acts of *Friendship*, but our *Friend* and *Benefactor* is soon forgot ; I am not *one* of those, my Lord, nor can I ever forget the many Favours my Countrymen and I have enjoyed thro' your

your Lordship's Influence, and the Army thro' your particular Encouragement. Report has painted your Lordship as adroit in civil Affairs, as expert in military; and the Debates in last Session acquired you immortal Honour as a Senator; 'tis true our Intelligence with respect to the Money-bill, was somewhat of the latest, nor had we a right Notion of the intrinsic Merit of that Contest, till we were honoured at the Barracks with your Lordship's Enclosure of the CONSIDERATIONS; which impartial Treatise fully explained that Matter to us, and convinced us of what we had read on the Cover of your Lordship's Letter, that it was FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE; but I will remove the Scene with your Lordship's Leave, from the Senate to the Barracks, where you will appear to as great Advantage, as ever Secretary did, who was himself an Officer.

Tho' the Army on this Occasion is under

under infinite Obligations to your Lordship, as will be seen hereafter ; yet some Degree of Gratitude is due to the *House of Commons*, who gave an unlimited Vote of Credit for the Repair of the Barracks : Had the House stopped here, the Thanks of all the *Military* had been due to them ; but it was undoubtedly a little ungenerous to enquire afterwards how the Money had been *laid out* ; no Man ever called Mr. N---ll's Honour in Question before ; besides, it was somewhat of an Affront to *your Lordship*, who could not be supposed to countenance and encourage any public Officer, whose Integrity you did not know, and whose Discharge of his Trust, faithful or otherwise, could not have escaped you, being yourself a *Soldier*. HAD HE EMBEZZLED THE PUBLIC MONEY, or profusely laid it out ; had HE ACTED WITHOUT CARE, JUDGMENT, OR OECONOMY, your Lordship must have been the *first* to have perceived it, and I make no Doubt, would have been the *first*

first to have complained of it : if your Lordship, who by your Post was Secretary at War, as well as Secretary to his Grace, was *satisfied* with the Repairs done to the Barracks ; if the General Officers, ever *active* for the *Welfare* of the Troops, and who look with a *jealous* Eye upon every Measure that can possibly affect them ; if *they* were silent, and only a few *noisy Subalterns*, who never stir out of the Barracks, and therefore found them *disagreeable*, were the only People to condemn the Surveyor, then the House of Commons, it is my real Opinion, was too warm, and did not act with the same *noble* Spirit upon this Occasion, as when they passed the *Vote of Credit* ; indeed it particularly affected *your Lordship*, because there had been a *Change* in the *Government* since the passing the Vote, which being *unlimited*, shewed that the *House* at that Time had no *Distrust* of the *Administration*, but was perfectly satisfied no *more* of the public Money would be *applied* than was absolutely

lately necessary for the Repairs to be done ; but, my Lord, the Case seemed to be otherwise upon the *Enquiry* afterwards, when your Lordship came into Power ; for it plainly appeared from the nice and strict Examinations then made, that the House had a *Distrust* of *Somebody*, and had not your Lordship's Character of *Integrity* been sufficiently established, People, from the Earnestness the House expressed in that Affair, might have been *inclined* to believe they had a Distrust of *you* ; indeed it was natural to think this, and nothing could have prevented the Belief of it, but your own *good* Character, and the seeing your Lordship always so great a *Favourite* with the House.

It may be presumed, that it was owing to this Piece of Disrespect your Lordship entered so warmly into the Defence of the *Surveyor-General*, in order to wipe off any Aspersions thrown upon the Go-

vernment thro' the Indirection of it's Servants; for the Innocence of the Man was so universally believed, that had he been left to himself unsupported, unpatronized by your Lordship and your public-spirited Friends, he had in all Probability come off with equal Honour from the House; his own Integrity, his winning Address, and Art in soothing Matters, as they came under Examination, and his Modesty in speaking, could not have failed to have reconciled the Minds of such Members, as were so strangely prejudiced against him.

By your Lordship's generous Protection of Mr. N—ll's injured Merit, you not only won the Heart of one good Man, but the Hearts of the whole Army; the Officers were pleased to see a Man who had done so much for them publicly defended and applauded by your Lordship in P---t; knowing how anxious it would make him or any future Surveyor to provide well for

for the Troops ; since it was evident from Mr. N—ll's Instance, that the more Care they should take, the more they would be encouraged by your Lordship, in whom they would be sure to find a *strenuous* Advocate, should they at any Time be called before the House for expending a *little too much* upon Repairs.

It must be confessed indeed, Mr. N—ll's Love of the Army, and *compassionate* Disposition for the poor Men, did sometimes carry him too far, and made him *repair too much* ; I must own he was a little *lavish* at Bally-Shannon ; 700 l. was *rather too large* a Sum to be expended *there* ; yet what is extraordinary, the Building is so *little encreased*, that the *Additions* made in that Barrack are *scarcely to be perceived*. I am told, this Article put the House of Commons out of Temper, and made them peevish ; but with how *little Reason*, must appear to every Man who will give himself the Trouble

only to cast an Eye upon the Barrack as it now stands.

I have observed that your Lordship entered warmly into Mr. N—ll's Defence, which I think greatly to your Honour; tho' there have been People malicious enough to say you were *too warm*, and arraign your Lordship's Conduct on that Occasion: I will maintain, my Lord, that you could not be *too warm*; in Justice to *yourself*, in Justice to a *falsly accused Servant of the Crown*, in Justice to the *Army*, in Regard to your *Brother-Officers*, you were by all these united Motives called upon to be *warm and zealous* in the Surveyor's Cause; and those who condemn your Lordship, must have had Facts MISREPRESENTED to them, and *industriously* misrepresented; a Piece of *Wickedness*, that aims at the well-being of all Society, and is capable to cast a Slur upon the most GLORIOUS Actions and Services a Man in public Character can do his Country. I
believe

believe your Lordship has suffered from such Enemies as these, and Enemies they are of the worst Kind ; Traitors to the Community they belong to, the Scorn and Abhorrence of all the Wise and Virtuous ; for how much the Part of DEVILS do they act, when they can only support their detestable Measures by downright *Falshood*, and their impious Accusations by a known *Lye* ?

By such Pests of Society as these, your Lordship's *Merit* may have been *ill rewarded* : However, my Lord, you have this for your Comfort, that their Influence cannot extend *far*, as these MISREPRESENTERS of Facts are all observed to be of *one Party*, and that at present the *weakest*, as well as the *worst* ; long may it continue so, my Lord, is my Prayer ; in the mean while your Lordship is *happy* in that,

Which

Which nought on Earth can give, or can
destroy,
The Soul's *calm Sun-shine*, and the heart-
felt-Joy ;

and you have the Satisfaction to know
that Truth will get the better at the End ;
Veritas prævalebit ; it will come out one
Time or other ; your Lordship's *irre-
proachable* Conduct be seen in it's *proper*
Light ; and the *undeniable Services*
you have done your King and Country,
be as *publicly known* and *acknowledged* in
England, as in this distressed and divided
Kingdom.

Mr. N——ll undoubtedly deserved *well*
of the Nation ; as undoubtedly your
Lordship did *well* in protecting him ; a
Faction of Men, who were no Judges of
his *real Merit*, of his *Skill* in his Employ-
ment, was not to be suffered to run-
down a public Officer in the *Execution* of
a Plan

a Plan they did not *understand*; had he indeed visibly DEFRAUDED THE NATION of the public Money, or had he repaired the Barracks in such a Manner, as to make them DANGEROUS TO THE HEALTH, and UNFIT FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE KING's TROOPS, their Objections might have been excused; because every Man can tell whether a Barrack is fit to *contain* such a Number of Men; or if it is in a *ruinous Condition*; or if *no Money* at all has been *laid out* upon it; but in the general Schemes and Plans for repairing, it is impossible but Mr. N---ll must be better *instructed* in them than any Member of P---t whatever. The Expences in building are *unforeseen*; no Man in Mr. N---ll's Way could make a *just Calculation*; and it is easily to be imagined he had *upon him, that the House *knew nothing* of, nor *could know* any thing of, had they made a *stricter Enquiry* than they did: he might possibly expend more upon some Occasions than*

than others ; he might appear a little *profuse* at one Time, and at another be more *sparing*, as his Judgment, his *incomparable Judgment*, directed him : I am very certain he saved the Nation a great deal of Money in one Article, that of *Water*, which it is notorious he conveyed to *every Barrack* in the Kingdom, without *any Charge* to the *Public* whatever ; and this was the more *extraordinary*, as the Water they were supplied with, was at *some Distance*, and yet *came down* to them always *fresh*, and frequently in *great Quantities*.

This is a Fact your Lordship, whose Apartments at the Castle were so remarkably *crowded* with *Officers* and *Generals*, could not possibly be *ignorant* of ; but you wanted no *Information* from others ; your Lordship *visited* many of the Barracks yourself at the Time of this *Enquiry*, and therefore could particularly speak

speak to the *Improvements* of this Kind they have received.

But I shall not trouble your Lordship with a *Justification* of Mr. N---l's *Art and Services* in the Way of *building*; your Lordship always appeared *sufficiently satisfied* with his Works and their *great Merit*; and for those who are not, if there are *any* such *still remaining*, I shall desire them to make a little Tour round the Kingdom, and inspect the Barracks *themselves*, and will particularly *recommend* to their Observation the *Alterations* made in those that follow; namely, the Barracks at

Charles Fort,
Carrick on Shannon,
Kinsale,
Cork-Harbour,
Inchegeela,
Clonmell,
Carlow,
Dingle,

Ross-Castle,
Clare-Castle,
Tallow,
Headford,
Athunry,
Loughrea,
Galway, and
Navan.

These are all and *every one* of them remarkable Instances of Mr. N----ll's Skill in Architecture : Vitruvius and Palladio never equalled any of these Buildings. If a Fault could be found at all, it might be said that in general they might perhaps be a little too *airy* ; some of the Highlanders I am told, have complained of this ; but that might be owing to their being used to a more *woody* Country at Home, and not to any *Impropriety* of Building in the Barracks, or Want of Care in Mr. N----ll.

But this Gentleman's Abilities were not confined to Architecture *only* ; he deserved well

well of the Public in another Capacity, that of an *Engineer*; and by all Accounts an excellent one he was; the House unkindly took no Notice of his Merit in that Way; and I was a little surprized to find your Lordship silent upon this Occasion, especially as he had given so recent a Proof of his Skill, as he had done at CHARLES-Fort; Vaubon himself never in his Life proved Cannon in the Manner, or with the Success that Mr. N—ll proved those at that Fort; it had been usual with all Engineers before, and some of them no very ignorant Men in their Profession, to take the Cannon to be proved from their Carriages, and to fire them when doubly loaded on the Ground; but this Method never had the Effect that Mr. N—ll found from his, nor sufficiently shewed the Strength and Goodness of the Cannon; he fired them upon the Parapet, and a wonderful Effect it had; for most of the Pieces flew back from their Embrafures, broke their Carriages in Pieces,

burst, killed several Men, wounded others, and beat down the Parapet. Now this, my Lord, was a *Coup de Maitre* in Fortification, a Thing never dreamt on by all the Engineers before him ; it was a Surprise to those who beheld it ; the Officers stood in *Amaze*, astonished at the terrible Effects of his Art, and the great Execution he had done ; Mr. N——ll on the contrary appeared as unconcerned, as if nothing had happened ; looked upon the Ruins around him with an Aspect of Content ; ordered the Breaches to be repaired, the Men to be buried, and retired seemingly in Raptures with himself after an Harangue to the Officers upon the Force of Powder, which, he told them, "was capable of demolishing any Metal, or any Fortification in the Universe." It is a Pity your Lordship forgot to lay before the House this memorable Instance of Mr. N——ll's Talents for engineering, because it is probable they would have addressed the Lord L——t upon it, to have continued

nued him longer in his Employment, and not have suffered him to have *sold out* for three or four thousand Pounds, as he did soon after the Enquiry : However, since the Nation is *unhappy* enough to be deprived of his Services, and *ungrateful* enough to reward him with *only the full Value* of his Office, as it is not to be presumed his *great Abilities* will long permit him to lie *idle* and remain *inactive*, I cannot help thinking he has a Right to expect from your Lordship and the P---t a Recommendation to any *foreign Potentate*, into whose Service he shall chuse to enter ; and might I take the Liberty to propose on this Occasion, I would advise that he be strongly recommended to the *French King*, to inspect his *Barracks*, and *prove his Cannon* in every fortified Town throughout his Kingdom ; I believe there is not an Officer in *Ireland* that will not sign such a Recommendation ; he will then be gaining Experience, which the most skilful Men alive may be improved

improved by, and will hereafter without Doubt, find a *proper Reward* for his Merit *here*, if he meets not *his Deserts* in *France*, which according to the Disposition of that *present Monarch* upon the Throne of that Kingdom, I am of Opinion he cannot *fail* to do.

Perhaps it will be objected to this Plan by the *Patriots*, that it will be throwing too *great a Genius* into the Hands of our Enemies, which may in the End prove *destructive* to the *Arms* of Great-Britain, as he would *unquestionably* put the Fortifications of *France* in a better State of *Defence* than they are at present: I own there may be some Weight in this Argument, but notwithstanding I have so *strong a Passion* to advance Mr. N---ll's *Reputation*, that I must confess I do most heartily wish every Bastion in *France* was now *altering* from his *Designs*, and every Piece of Ordnance now *proving* under his *Directions*: Great-Britain might not suffer so much

much from it as expected ; besides, Mr. N---ll's *Attachment* to his *Country* would certainly take Place on this Occasion, and prevent him from doing *too much* for the *Service* of *France* ; if he exerted only the *same Diligence, Skill, and Honesty*, that he shewed when *Engineer* in *Ireland*, 'tis all the King of *France* can desire ; and in doing *this*, he will stand *acquitted* in the Eyes of those who wish the best to these three Kingdoms : I am sure no one wishes them better than I do ; and for my Part, I should be glad they ran the *Risque* of his making the Power of *France* *more formidable*; or the *Artillery* *more fatal*, by the Experiments he should try on the *Cannon*, or the *Alterations* he should design of the *Batteries* and *Bastions* in that Kingdom.

But farther ; to silence all Apprehensions or Objections of this Kind, I will offer another Project for the Reward of his *unparalleled Merit* in Engineering,

which it is a Disgrace to the Kingdom should stand *unnoticed*. I shall for this Purpose recommend the *erecting* of a *military School* for the *Instruction* of young Gentlemen intended for the Service, and that the *chief Direction* of such School be entirely under the Influence of Mr. N---ll as *Comptroller* or *Inspector-general*, with a Salary proportioned to the Services he has already done, as well as those that may be *modestly* expected from one of his *distinguished Abilities*. This will not only answer the Design of conferring a public Mark of Honour and Reward upon Mr. N---ll, but will likewise tend greatly to the Encouragement of the *Arts* and *Sciences*, which it is generally complained, and not without Foundation, have been much neglected of late Years, and of course are evidently in the Decline. Now an Establishment of this Kind, with *so able* a Man at the Head of it, would infallibly make them *revive* and *flourish* amongst us, would give a new Spirit to

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Men of *Letters*, and occasion an universal Cultivation of *Learning* and *Erudition* throughout the Kingdom. This would be soon found productive of many visible good Effects to the Public, and I will venture, my Lord, to say one Thing more, it is one of the surest Means to make a People great. *My Countrymen* are strong Instances to this Point; no People whatever have found greater Advantages from a good Education than they have; *Scotland* is allowed to furnish the best, and many of it's Natives have arose to very high Honours and Preferments, which they had *no Pretensions* to, and which was Matter of Wonder to every body how they *came by*, yet is very easily accountable for, when imputed to their Education; an Education, which at once qualifies them for *hardy* Undertakings above the *common* Level of Men in other Countries; inspires them with *Ambition* and Courage; instills into them early Notions of *Loyalty* to their *Prince*,

and *Affection* to their *Country*; *divests* them of all little Prejudices to their own *Nation*, and forms in them a Readiness to *quit it* without *Regret* upon *all* Occasions where *Fortune* allures, or *Advancement* calls them forth. These are the Fruits of a liberal Education in *Scotland*; to our public *Seminaries* of *Learning*, and the general *Encouragement* given to the *politer Arts* amongst us, is owing the *swift Progress* that *our Countrymen* are observed to make in obtaining Employments in *every Nation* under Heaven, and not to a mistaken Notion that *Scotchmen in Power*, wherever they are, are *partial to the Scotch*, promote, protect, and recommend *such only*, who first drew the Air in *North-Britain*; for besides that they are believed to be the *least national People* in the World, few Sovereigns and Potentates Abroad would be fond to advance them so high as they are often found to be, if a perpetual Succession of *their Countrymen* was to be *intailed* upon *all* the great Offices in their

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Dominions ; no, 'tis their Schools, and Colleges, their wise Institutions for Education, and wiser Encouragement of Learning and learned Men that procure them the Honours they enjoy, the Respect they find ; and 'tis in these *Gardens* of *Erudition*, such Shoots *spring* out, as are seen to *bud* and *blossom* in every State in Europe.

If I am right in this, my Lord, and I believe common Fame is with me, it will be a strong Argument in Favour of my Design for Mr. N----ll, under *whose Care* such an Institution as I have been speaking of, may be as beneficial to the rising Youth of *Ireland*, as those have been found to be, that are already established in *Scotland* to the Youth of that Nation, and your Lordship's ready Concurrence in promoting such a Design, cannot be doubted, when it is considered how *eager* you have always been to *forward* any Project that might be of *general Utility*

Utility to this Kingdom ; and that it is *impossible* but you must wish *as warmly* to see the Gentlemen of this Country advanced as *those* of mine, having yourself received your Education amongst them. I would not be understood to infer that your Lordship might owe your *early* and *uncommon Rise* to that alone ; but probable it is, the *Eloquence* that has so constantly distinguished your Lordship's Speeches in the Parliaments of *England* and *Ireland*, might have received some Advantage from your Application to Learning, and your Acquaintance with Men of Letters during your Residence in *Trinity-College* in *Dublin*.

If this Scheme for a military School should meet with, as it must certainly merit your Lordship's Approbation, it will be no difficult Matter to assign a Place proper to erect it in : I would recommend by all Means that it be established at *Lefflip*, and this for two Reasons ;

sions ; first, because it is at a sufficient Distance from the *Metropolis*, being about as near to *Dublin* as *Woolwich* is to *London* ; and secondly, from it's having the *Advantage* of being situated in a Town so constantly honoured with the Presence of the Lord P---e, whose general *Knowledge* would qualify him occasionally to *instruct* the Youth to be educated there, and the *Sanctity* of whose *Character* would preserve their *Morals* from *Corruption*, and *inspire* them with an *early Love of Purity* and *Virtue*.

From the Regard your Lordship has ever shewn to *Ireland*, from the Regard you have ever shewn to the *ingenious* Mr. N---ll, your Lordship cannot but encourage, as much as in you lies, an Undertaking so much to his Honour, and so *useful* to the Public. Your Lordship cannot but know that it is impossible to have *good* and *faithful* Servants, unless Care is taken to *reward* their Merit ; I shall

shall therefore say no more on this Subject, but put your Lordship down as one amongst the first Supporters of the LESLIP SCHOOL for the *Education of Youth.*

I cannot finish this Epistle to your Lordship without observing how much happier you are than many other great Men who lived before you in one Particular ; I mean that of finding a *just* Sense of your *Actions* prevailing in the World ; many, very many Heroes like your Lordship,

*Poſt ingentia Facta, Deorum in Templo
recepti,*

*Ploravere ſuis non respondere Favorem,
Speratum Meritis ;*

but your Lordship's great Atchievements have met with a better Fate ; Statesmen admire your Strokes of unexampled Policy ; Generals are astonished at your military Capacity, and a whole Kingdom *thanks*
you,

you, and at the same Time wonders at your *Administration*.

The Army, of which I am so happy to be a Part, is *grateful* to the highest Degree, and can never forget how *little* a Demand was made upon them for the Expences attending the *carrying* and *returning* the *Bill* from *England* for the Encrease of their Pay ; it not being *much above* SEVEN HUNDRED POUNDS ; which, considering the *great Distance* from *Dublin* to *London*, the crossing a *Sea*, the *Difficulty* of passing the *Welch Mountains*, little *inferior* to that of passing the *Alps*, the *exorbitant Bills* made at *Public-houses*, inflamed with Articles of *Post-chaises*, and *Wine* at *five Shillings* a *Bottle* ; considering, I say this, my Lord, it was so *light* a Charge upon the Troops, that it must for ever *dwell* upon their Remembrance, and make them bound to *love* and *esteem* you while they live. It has been said indeed, that the Army is indebted to the *Parliament*

liament in common with your Lordship for their *Encrease of Pay*; this may be true, for ought I know; but as to the *Charge of sending the Bill*, I am very sure the House knew nothing of that, and will venture to say, that *all Obligations of that Nature* are due to your Lordship, and you only.

As the *Army* will ever have Reason to think honourably of your Lordship's Administration, so likewise, my Lord, must every Member of the *Church*, who aimed not at *secular Power*, in which indeed you *opposed* them, but who confined themselves to the *spiritual Welfare* of the whole Body, and the *Preservation* of the *Protestant Religion* in *Ireland*. To such *holy Men* your Lordship was ever a fast Friend and steady Patron, and how greatly they have availed themselves of your Lordship's *parental Care* of the *Reformed Church*, appears by the great Success their Labours have met with in all Parts of the Kingdom.

Kingdom. The *Protestant Religion* is now no longer in want of *Assistances* from the Government for it's Support and Increase; claims *no Aid* of any Kind from the Revenue. The CHARTER-SCHOOLS, ever looked upon as the great Bulwark against *Popery*, and the main Prop of *Protestantism*, are now entirely without any Relief from Parliament; and to the *Honour* of your Lordship, the first Bill that was ever omitted, to make a Provision for them, was dropped in the Time of your Lordship's Administration. From the Year they were established to this Day, a constant Fund was provided for them out of the Commission of Hawkers and Pedlars, and which produced near 3000 l. *per Annum*; this Duty expired by the *Prorogation* of the Parliament, which never fate to renew it; by which it may reasonably be presumed, such an Appropriation was found to be no longer *necessary*; for if it had, your Lordship's known *Regard* for the establish-

ed Religion of your Country, would not have permitted you to have left the Kingdom, 'till the Parliament had by *your Influence* met again (for I do not find the two Houses *adjourned themselves*) and made this Provision for the Support of the Schools. Nothing can be a stronger Proof of the great Increase of the *Protestants* in *Ireland*, and the *Decrease* of the *Roman Catholics*, than this single Event ; for it appears that the Reformed Church has gained such *Ground*, that it may now be *left to itself* to make its Way ; which was a Measure could never have been entered into by your Lordship, had you not been *thoroughly convinced* it could be done with the *utmost Security*; had the *least Doubt* remained, this never could have happened ; for every one is well acquainted of what great Consequence it is to propagate the *Protestant Religion* in *Ireland* ; as the general Welfare of the Kingdom is concerned in it, so is His MAJESTY's particular Interest, since he never
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can be so well assured of the Allegiance of his Subjects of a *different* Persuasion : How glorious then must your Lordship appear in the Eyes of *all Friends* to the present Government, who has so firmly established the *Protestant Religion* in *Ireland*, that a Revenue of near THREE THOUSAND Pounds, granted for the PROPAGATION of it, was *spared* the Kingdom for the first Time, when your Lordship was in Power ? what mighty Growth must the *Reformed Church* have made in that short Period ? and what universal Acquisitions of *Converts* must have been obtained in a few Years ? for it is very well known, that within these five last past, *Popery* so much prevailed, that near four *Papists* to one *Protestant* might be found in every County in the Kingdom.

No Wonder then, that the Absence of so great a *Friend* to the *Army*, and so great a *Patron* to the *Church*, is so uni-

versally dreaded ; that the *Sighs* of Officers, and the *Cries* of the *Clergy*, are so often mingled together ; that lamenting *Patriots* crowd the Castle, meet and weep in concert ; reflecting with *unfeigned* Sorrow, that the Rewards of *Virtue* so often promised, are now become *precarious* ; and should your Lordship be *displaced*, Encrease of *Reputation* is likely to be the *only* Return for all the Struggle they have made ; for all that *noble Struggle* for the *Liberty* of *Ireland*, begun, supported, and carried on by your Lordship, and these *faithful Friends*, with a Spirit and Vigour *unknown* to this Kingdom for Ages. If you are wanting to keep this Spirit alive amongst them, Heaven knows but it may be *lost*, entirely lost ; and then the Consequences to this Nation are *easily foreseen* ; when the *General* is not *present*, the *Troops* will fight but *faintly* ; 'tis your Lordship, who inspired them with a *Love* for the *Cause*, that can *alone* inspire them with a *Courage* to *pursue* it ; they will dwindle

dwindle and droop in your Absence ; the Orator forget to plead ; the Senator be struck dumb ; the warmest of your Friends meanly desert your *patriot Plan*, especially if *Corruption* and *Bribery* (*two Strangers in this Nation*) should take Place in the succeeding Government ; nay, 'tis possible (such is the *Inconstancy* of Men, and so great the *Want of public Spirit*) that should your Lordship's Conduct be called in Question before the ensuing Parliament, 'tis possible, there might arise Men, who would *not only* not *applaud* it, but would even dare to *censure* it : Notwithstanding *all the Good* you have done to *Ireland* ; notwithstanding the *many Blessings* you have drawn from his M——y to this Kingdom, by so *warmly* recommending the *Loyalty* and *Affection* of his Subjects here ; notwithstanding the *Integrity* and *Faith* you have kept with *all Mankind*, the *generous Concern* you shewed, when some **GREAT MEN** unfortunately fell under the K---g's Displeasure, by chusing to bear the News yourself, that you might

might break it to them gently ; notwithstanding your known Humanity and your disinterested Offers of Friendship, particularly to the Distressed ; in a Word, notwithstanding all your public and private Virtues, I would not answer but in another Sessions, the whole Tenor of your Administration might be arraigned, your Conduct in Affairs civil and military, disputed, perhaps exclaimed against, and no Merit of any Kind allowed you, but the Protection you afforded to the Church, and the Patronage you vouchsafed to Churchmen : For my Part, I have seen Ingratitude prevail so powerfully amongst Mankind, that I should not be surprized, if upon an Enquiry into your L——p's public Character, I should hear Sir RICHARD Cox, even the PATRIOT Sir RICHARD Cox, who never wanted Strength of Expression, speaking but faintly in your Favour ; the nine GORES debating against you, and Mr. MALONE employing his irresistible Eloquence in condemning every Measure

you undertook, and entered into. Your Lordship must not wonder if you should find this to be the generous Return of all your *Labours*; 'tis natural, and only your Fate in common with others as *extraordinary* and *upright* Statesmen as yourself.

Should an Event of this Kind occur, which I *flatter* myself will not, your Lordship will however find many a faithful *Abdiel* amongst the *Military*, particularly those of *my Country*, who will never desert you, but *ardently pray* for your *Return*, as the *Loss* of your Lordship's *Influence* at the *Castle* will be *sensibly felt* by them, and indeed by all the **TRUE PATRIOTS** in this Kingdom.

Among those, who *weary Heaven with that Prayer*, your Lordship may *assuredly* reckon upon, My Lord,

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and devoted humble Servant,

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